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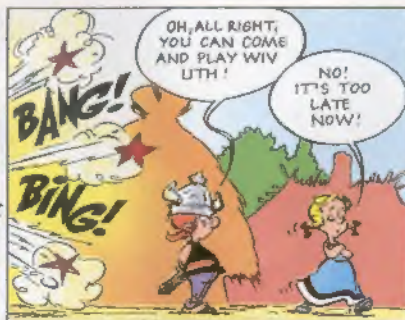
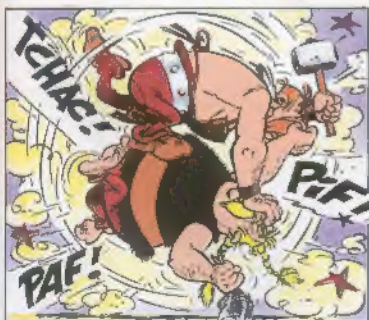
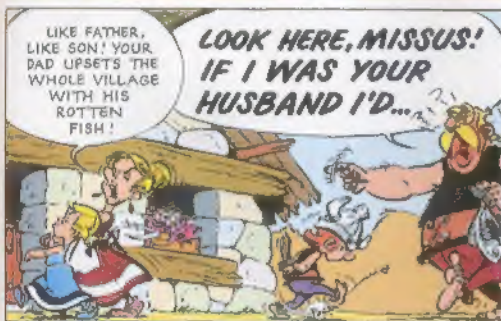
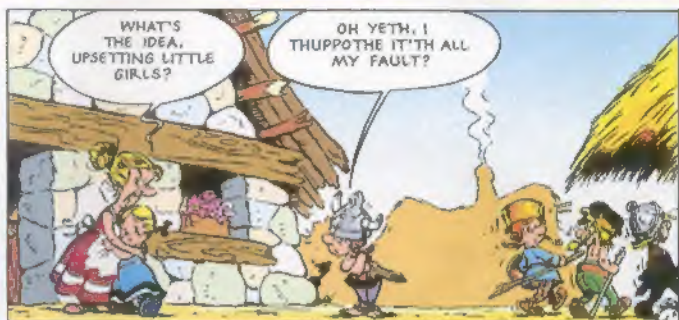
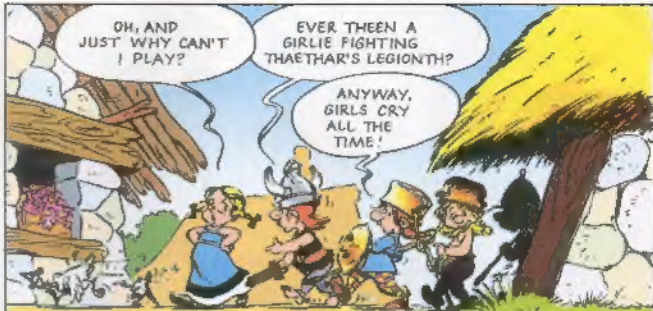
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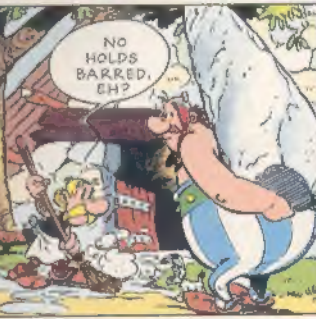
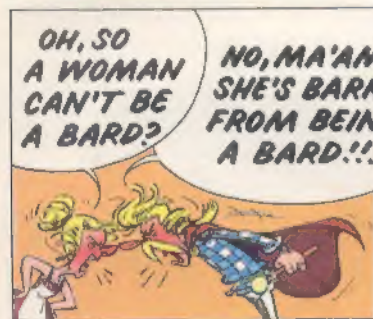
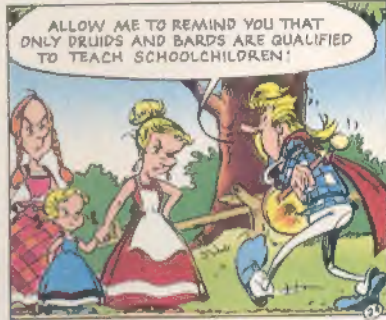
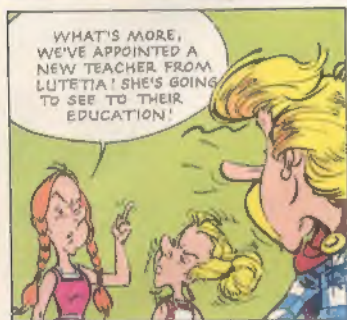
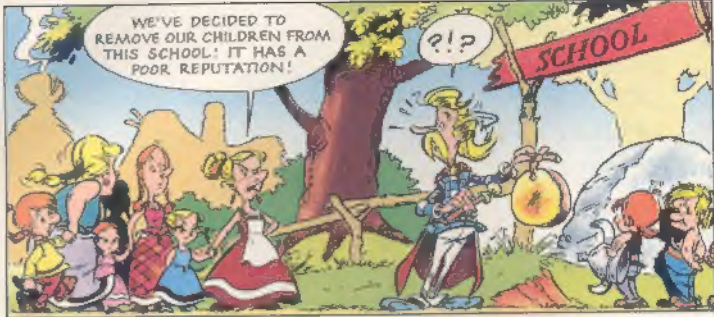
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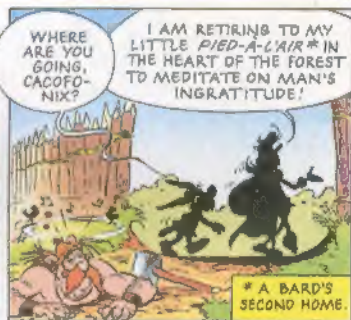


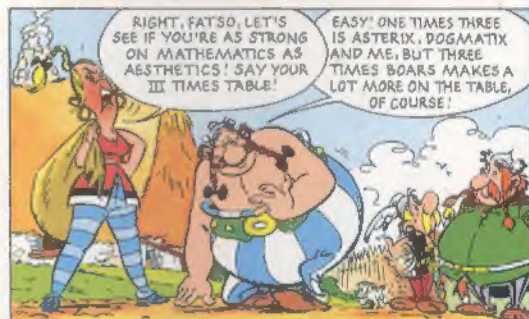
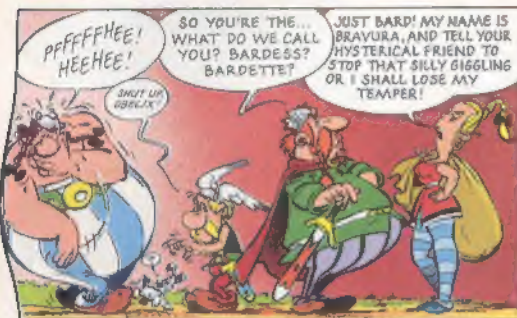
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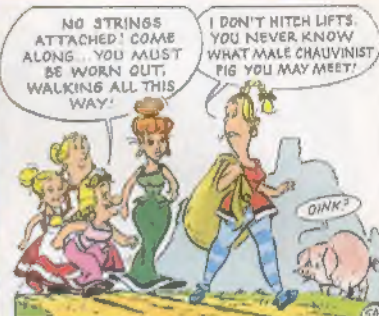


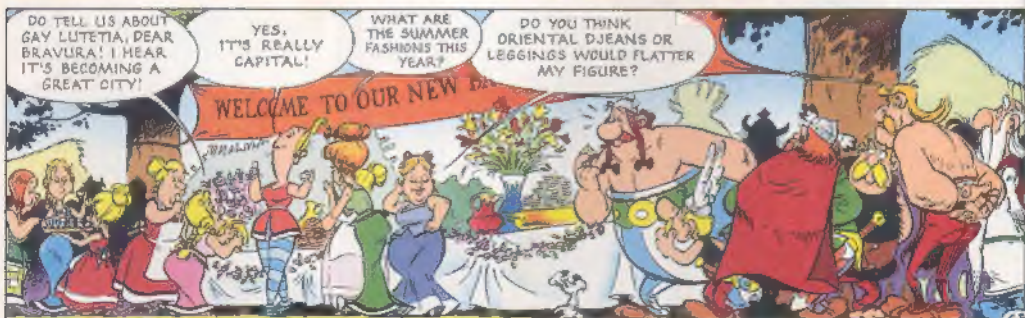
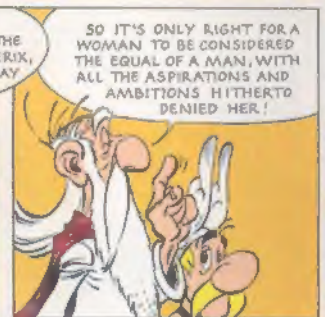
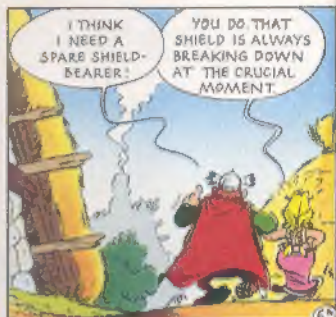
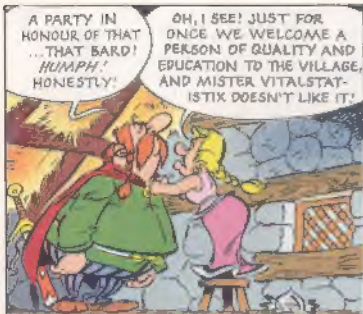


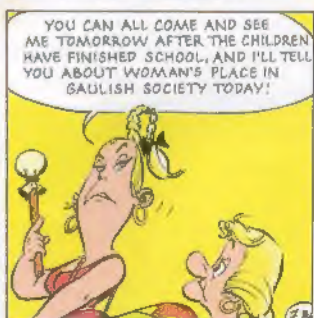
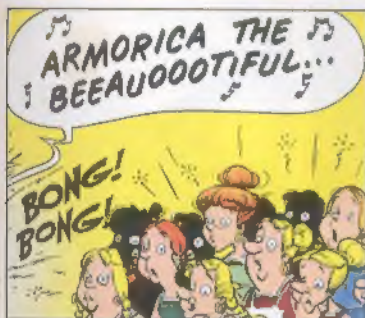
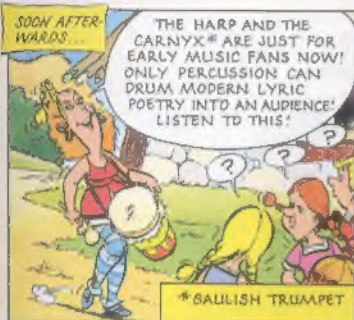












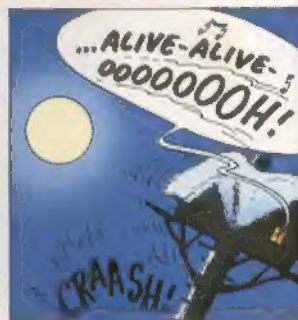
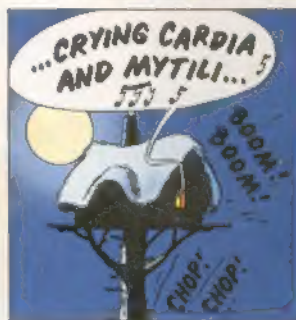
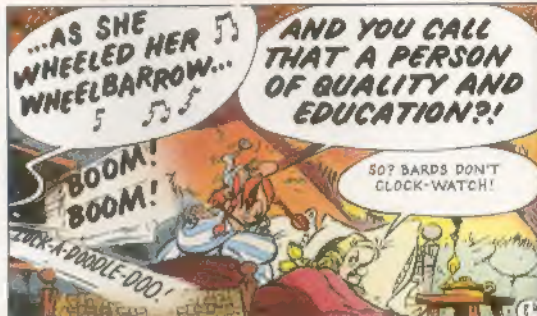
NIGHT BRINGS THE
VILLAGE PEACE AND
CALM...

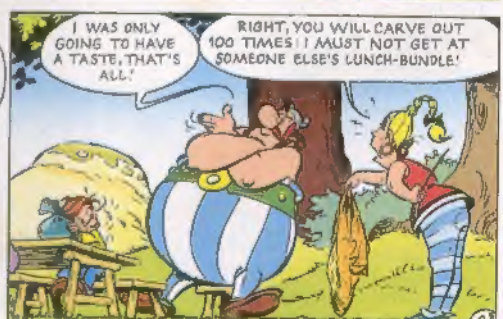
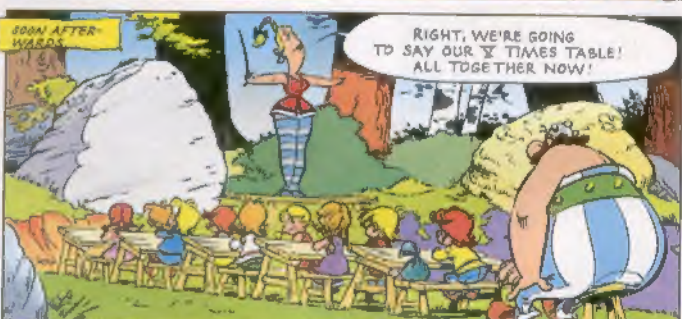
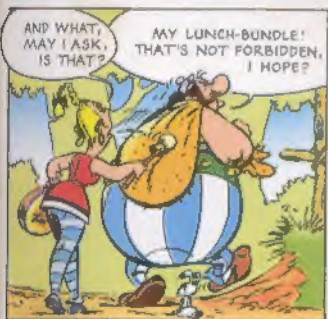
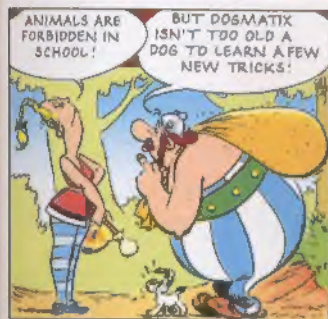
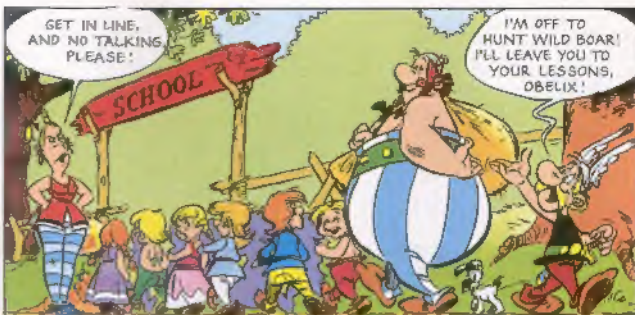


BROKEN ONLY BY THE SINGING OF THE
VILLAGE COCKEREL, WHOSE ADVENTURES
ARE STILL GIVING HIM TROUBLE.



IN LUTETIA'S FAIR
CITY, WHERE GIRLS
ARE SO PRETTY...





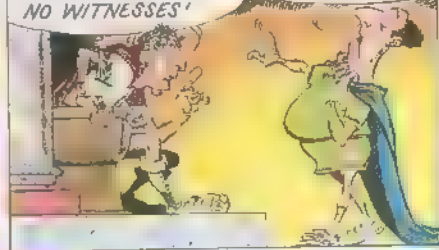
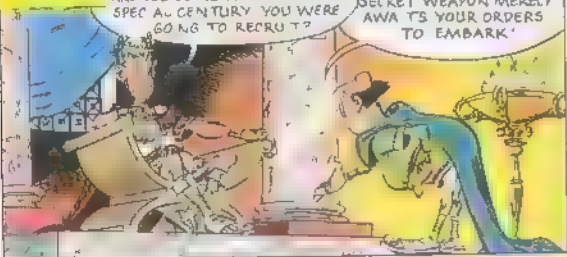
AT THIS VERY
MOMENT, IN
ROME

WELL, MANLIUS
CLAPHAMOMNIUS HOW ARE
ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT 'VERY
SPEC A- CENTURY' YOU WERE
GOING TO RECRUIT?

IT'S READY TO GO,
O CAESAR! YOUR NEW
SECRET WEAPON MERELY
AWAITS YOUR ORDERS
TO EMBARK!

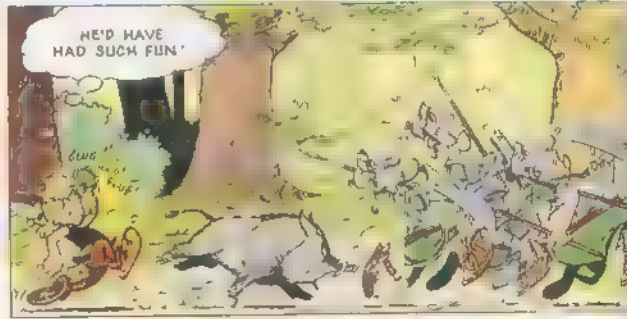
I DON'T WANT ANY
WITNESSES TO THIS
BUSINESS, UNDERSTAND?
NO WITNESSES!

EVERY PRECAUTION
SHALL BE TAKEN O
CAESAR! I SWEAR IT!



IF THE EXISTENCE OF YOUR CENTURY
BECAME KNOWN I SHOULD BE VULNERABLE
TO MY ENEMIES IN THE SENATE AND THE
LAUGHING-STOCK OF ROME SO WATCH
IT CLAPHAMOMNIUS!

AND THUS A ROMAN SHIP,
CARRYING CAESAR'S MYSTERIOUS
SECRET WEAPON, SETS SAIL
IN THE DIRECTION OF
GAUL!



A LITTLE
LATER IN THE
HOT FIRED CAMP
OF AQUARIUM

BY JUPITER ANY
ONE WOULD THINK
ALL GAULS HAD BEEN
TRAMPLING OVER
YOU

IT FEELS
LIKE IT,
PENTURION!

WE BUMPED
INTO A
BOAR

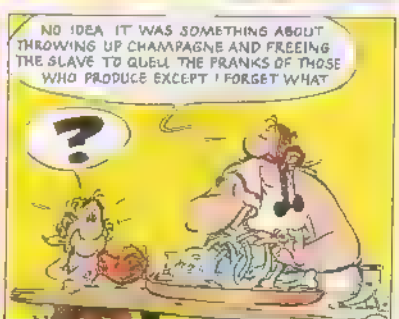
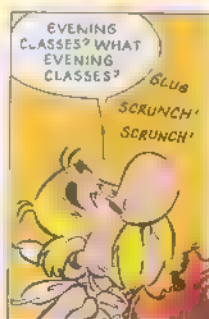
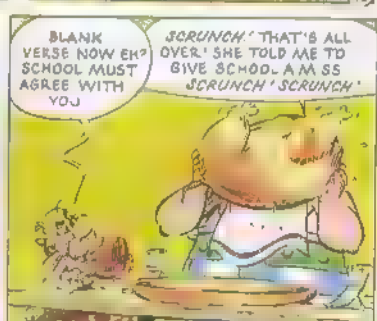
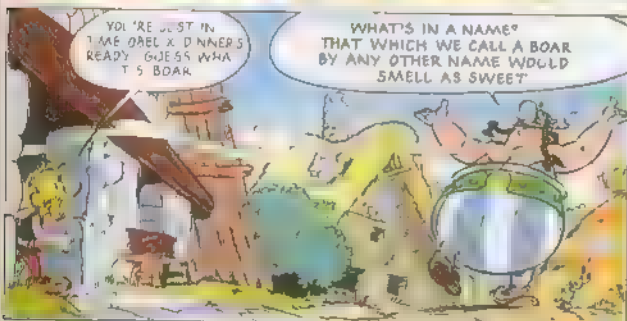
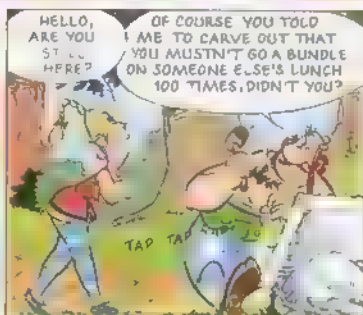
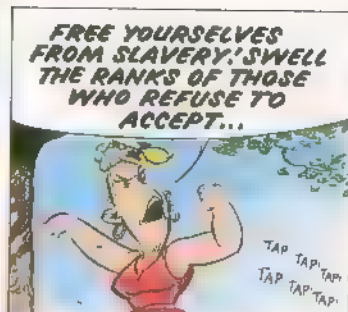
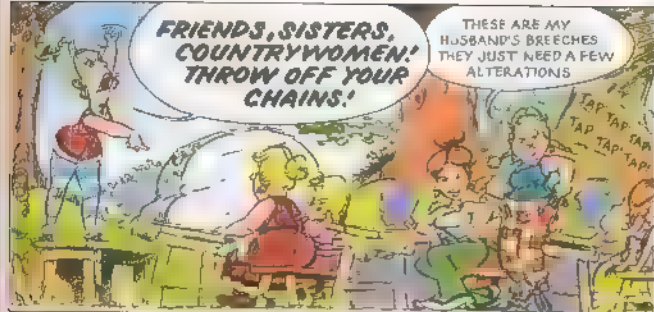
AND THAT
LITTLE STINKER
FROM THE VILLAGE
OF INDOMITABLE
GAULS

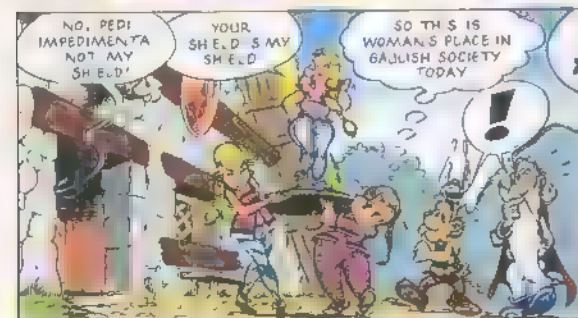
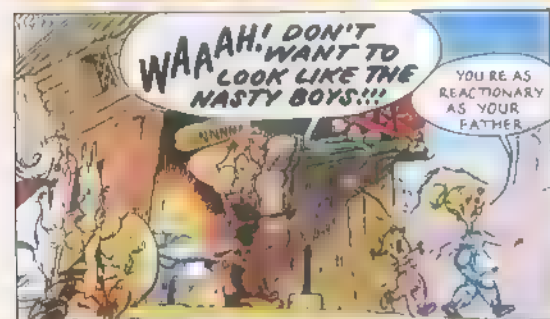
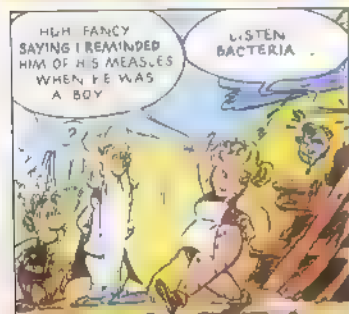
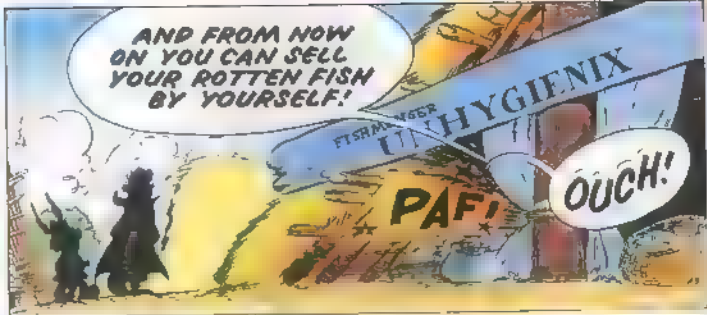
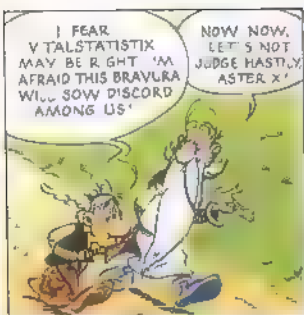
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VICTIS

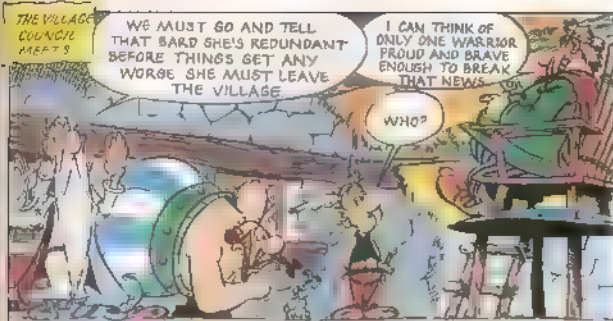


BEAR UP BOYS ROME
HAS PROMISED TO SEND OUR
RELIEF SOON









THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETS

WE MUST GO AND TELL THAT BARD SHE'S REDUNDANT BEFORE THINGS GET ANY WORSE SHE MUST LEAVE THE VILLAGE

I CAN THINK OF ONLY ONE WARRIOR PROUD AND BRAVE ENOUGH TO BREAK THAT NEWS

WHO?



YOU, ASTERIX!

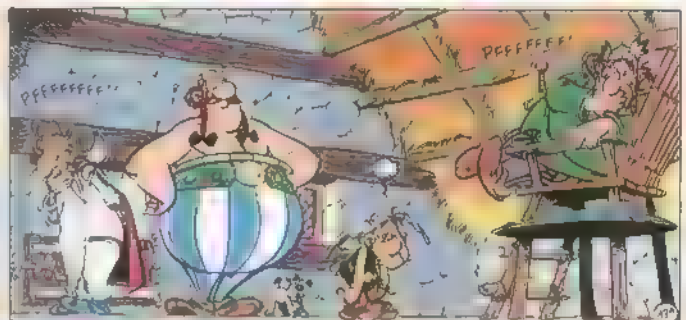
OH NO! WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE ME?

I'M NO PROUDER OR BRAVER THAN THE NEXT MAN AND I'M REALLY NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS SORT OF



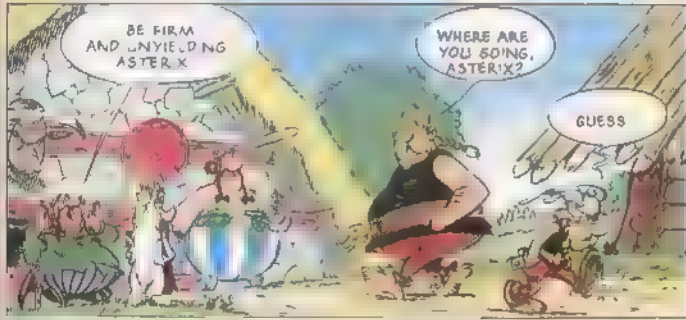
ASTERIX PLEASE DON'T COMPLICATE MATTERS

MISSION



PEEEEEEE!

PEEEEEEE!



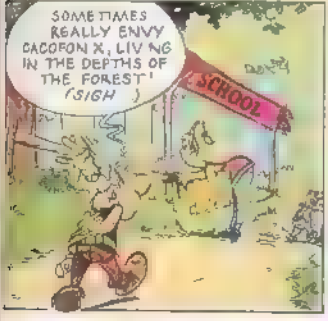
BE FIRM AND UNYIELDING ASTERIX

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, ASTERIX?

GUESS

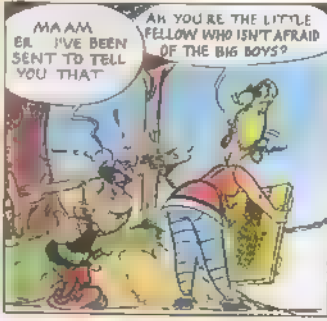


WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE ME? I MEAN I'M A BACHELOR! NONE OF THIS HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME!



SOMETIMES REALLY ENVY CACOFON X, LIVING IN THE DEPTHS OF THE FOREST! (SIGH)

SCHOOL



MAAM ER I'VE BEEN SENT TO TELL YOU THAT

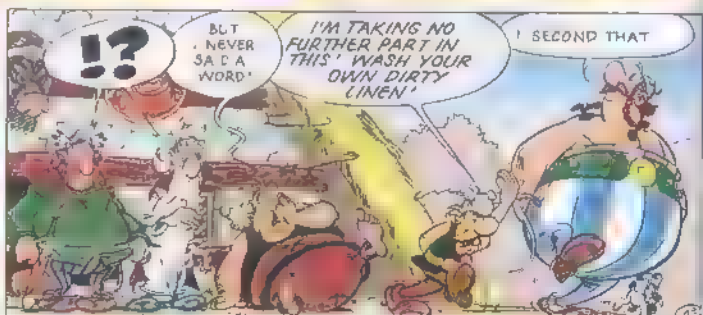
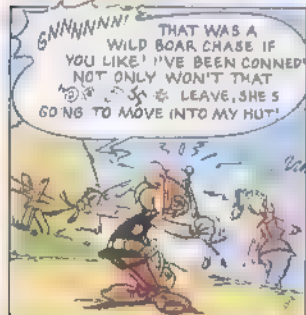
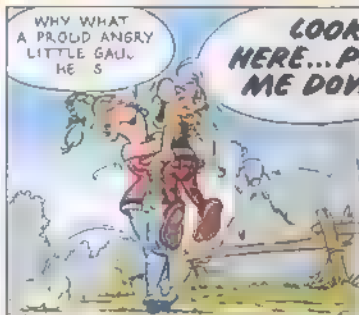
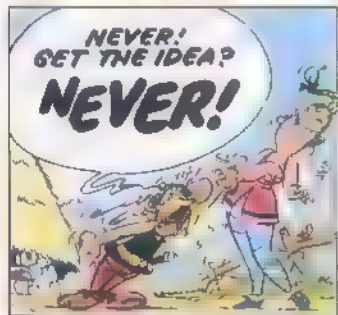
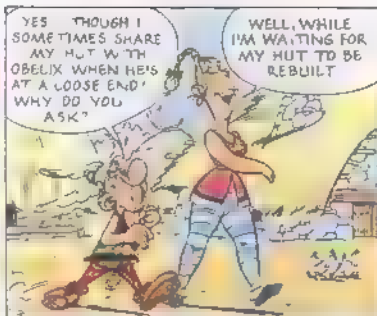
AM YOU'RE THE LITTLE FELLOW WHO ISN'T AFRAID OF THE BIG BOYS?



YOU KNOW I LIKE YOU! I WANTED A WORD WITH YOU MYSELF

SIAP

TONIGHT EARLY SHIPWORKING WORKSHOP



MEANWHILE, IN THE PEACE
AND QUIET OF THE
ARMORICAN FOREST

I'M SERGEANT
PEPPUS' LONELY
HEARTS CLUB
BAND...

CRAASH!

BARBARIAN!

AND ON THE CALM SURFACE
OF THE ARMORICAN SEA

WE'RE SAILING IN WATERS
FREQUENTED BY THOSE
CRAZY GAULS, SO WATCH
OUT FOR THEIR CRAFT

ROMAN
CRAFT
RIGHT
AHEAD!

ROMANS' GOODY,
GOODY! LET'S BE
CRAFTY TOO AND PLACE
OURSELVES UNDER THEIR
PROTECTION MO,HO

DAFAR
SAID NO
WITNESSES, SO
NO QUARTER!!!

CRAASH!

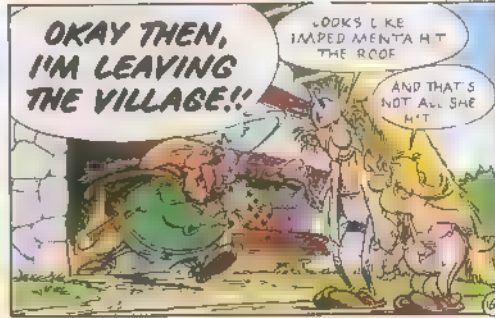
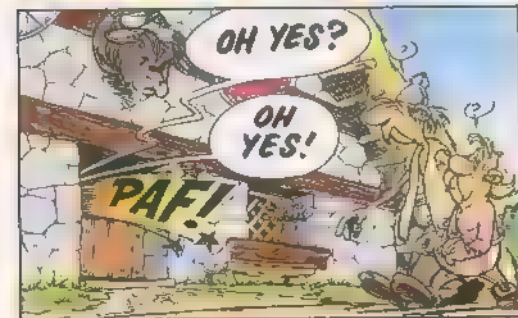
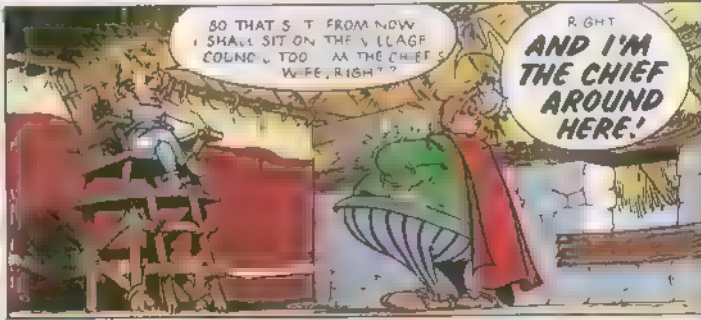
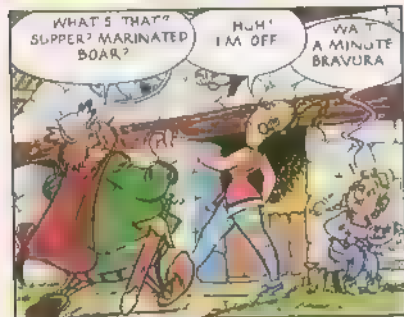
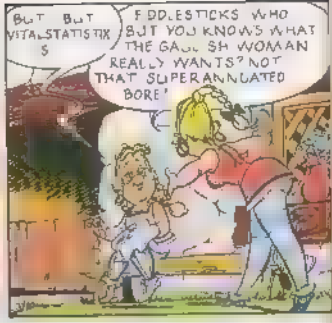
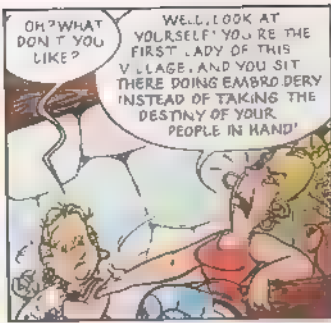
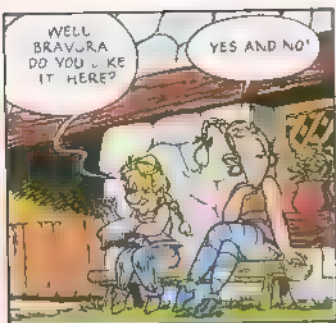
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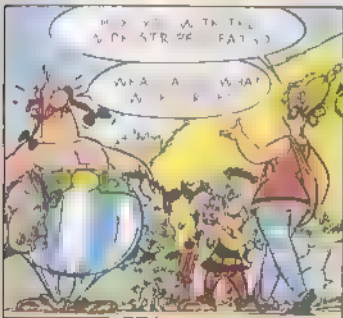
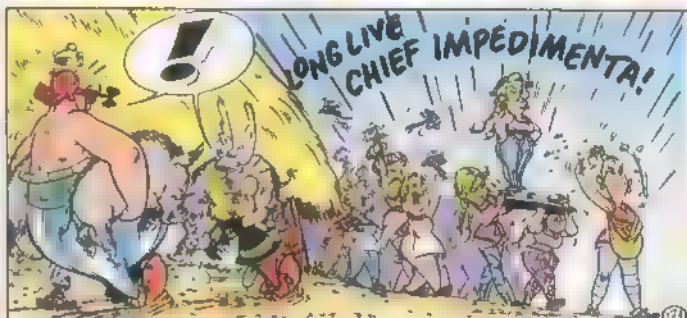
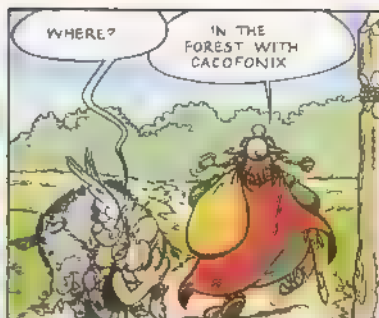
HE SAID NO QUARTER,
HE DIDN'T SAY CHOP US
IN HALF EITHER

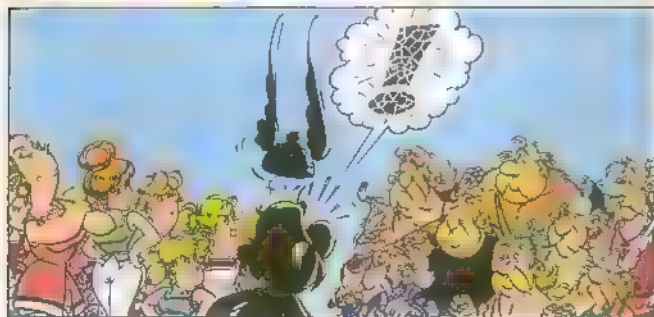
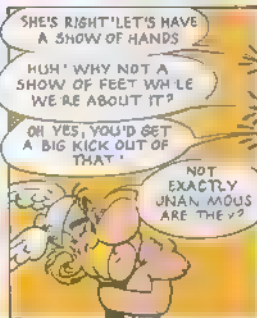
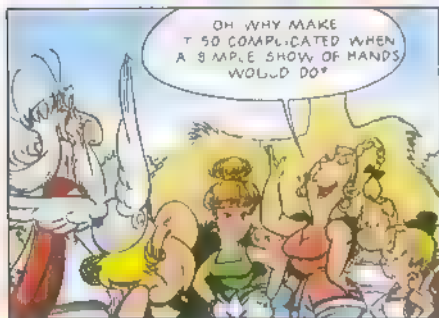
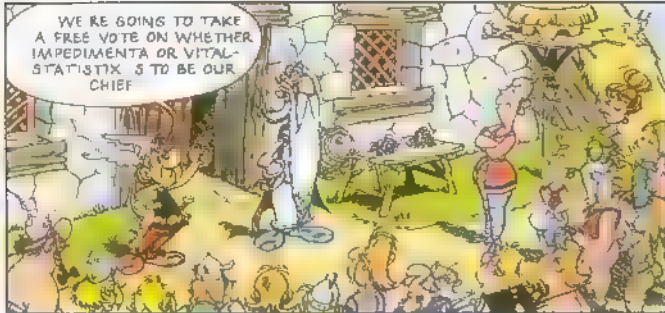
BARBARIANS!!!

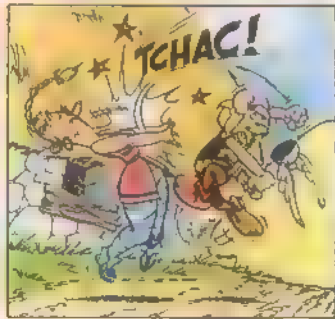
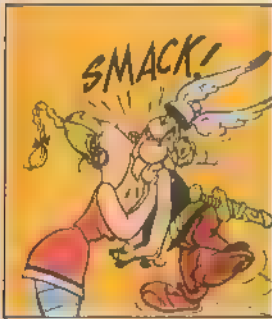
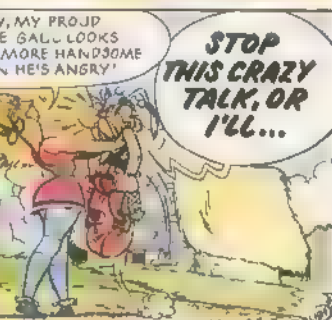
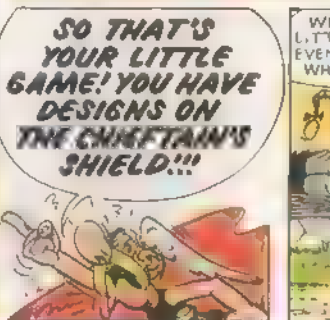
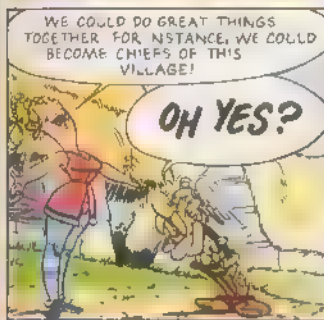
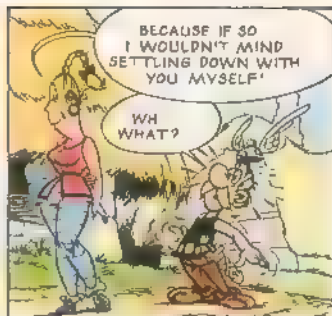
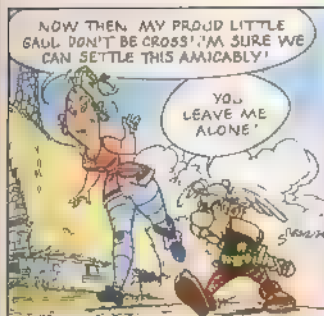
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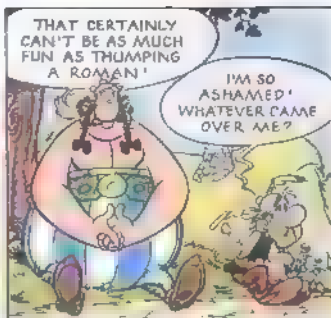
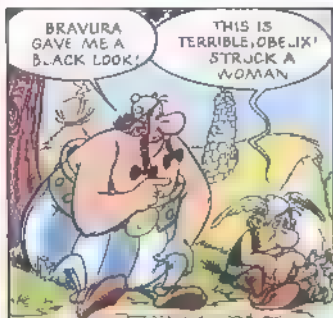
ONE MOKE
LATIN TAG AND
LL DROWN
YOU



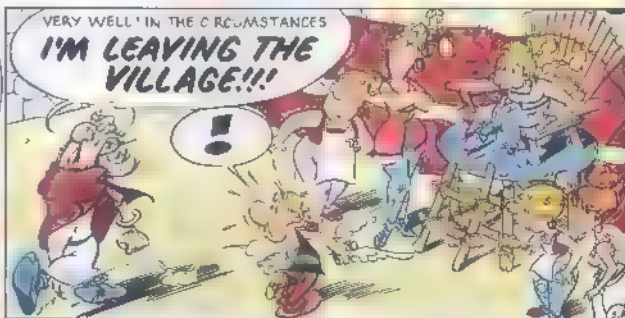
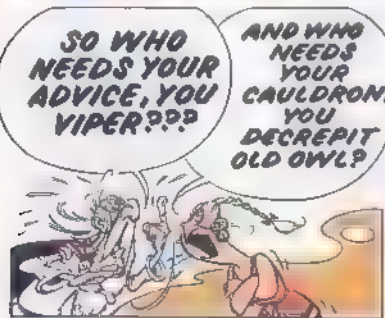
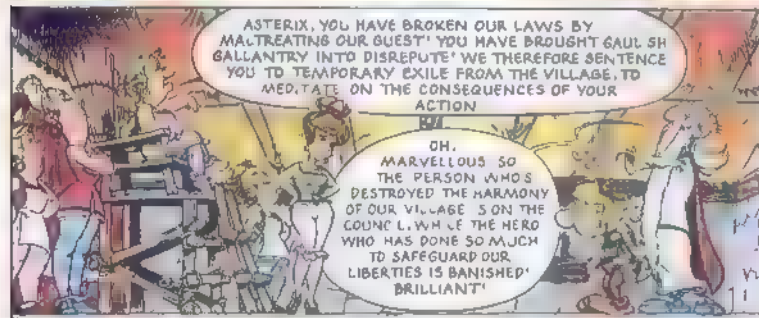
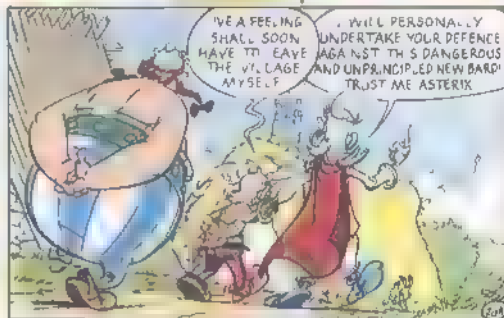
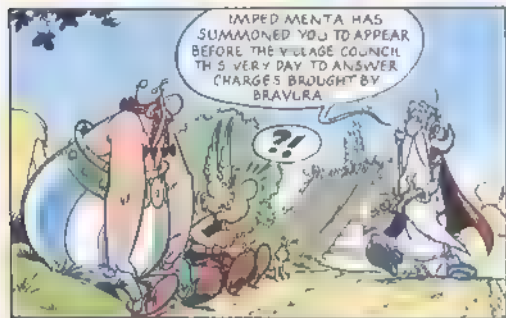


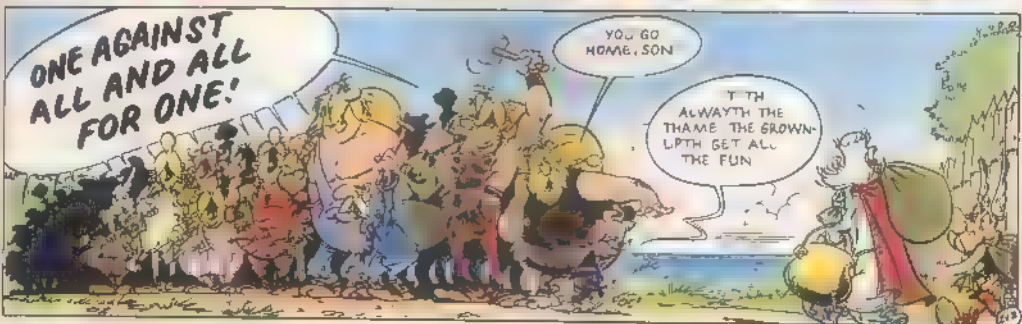
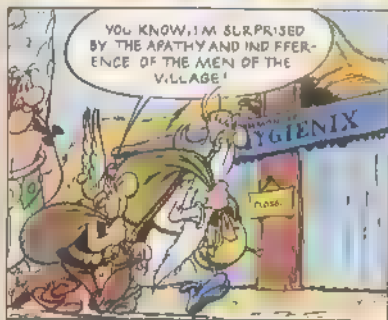
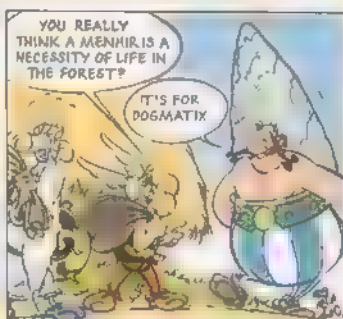
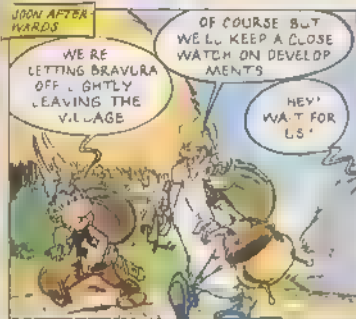
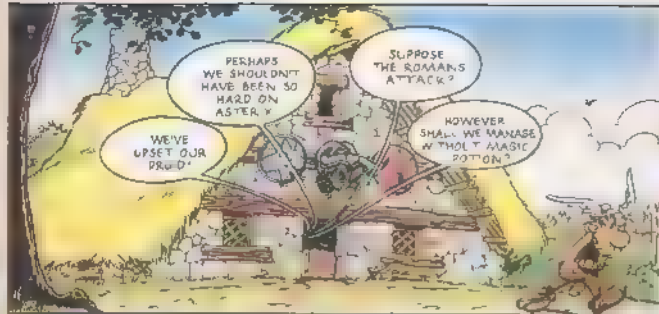




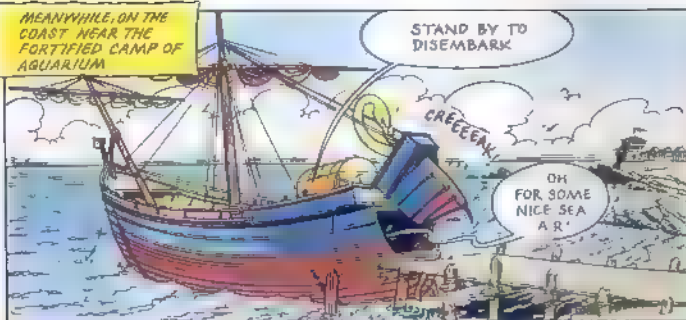


*SEE ASTERIX THE LEGIONARY





MEANWHILE, ON THE COAST NEAR THE FORTIFIED CAMP OF AQUARIUM



STAND BY TO DISEMBARK

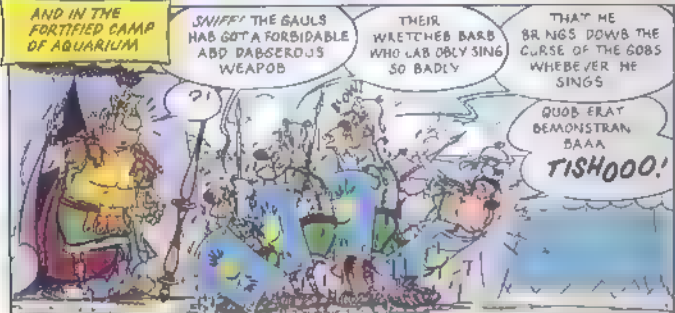
CRREEENK!

OH FOR SOME NICE SEA AIR!

I'LL ASK YOU TO BE PATIENT A LITTLE LONGER DON'T COME OUT BEFORE I GIVE THE ORDER



AND IN THE FORTIFIED CAMP OF AQUARIUM



SHIFF! THE GAULS HAS GOT A FORBIDABLE ABD DABBERO'S WEAPOB

THEIR WRETCHES BARB WHO LAB OBLV SING SO BADLY

THAT HE BRINGS DOWB THE CURSE OF THE GOBS WHEBEVER HE SINGS

QUOB ERAT DEMONSTRAN BAAA TISHOOO!

IT'LL BE A GREAT RELIEF WHEN THE RELIEF GETS HERE

THE REL EF'S HERE CENTUR ON



ARE ARE YOU THE REL EF?

SO TO SPEAK MY ORDERS FROM CAESAR ARE TO TELL YOU TO LEAVE CAMP BEFORE THE RELIEF RELIEVES YOU!



AND SUPPOSE I REFUSE TO LEAVE CAMP BEFORE THE RELIEF RELIEVES US?

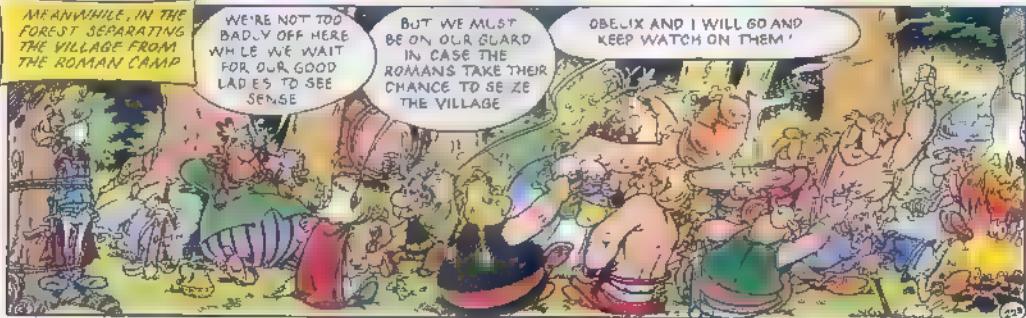
THEN YOU'LL BE RELIEVED OF YOUR DUTIES AND GO TO RELIEVE THE MONOTONY OF THE DIET OF THE LIONS IN THE CIRCUS!



WE'RE LEAVING CAMP!



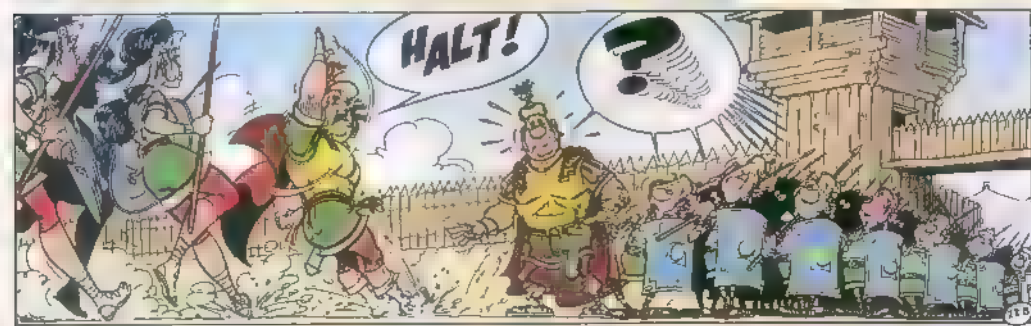
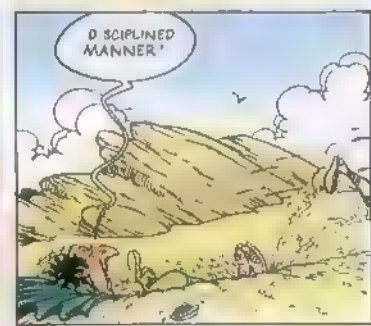
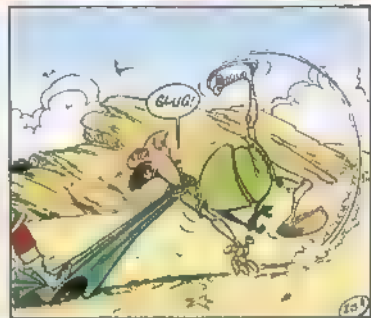
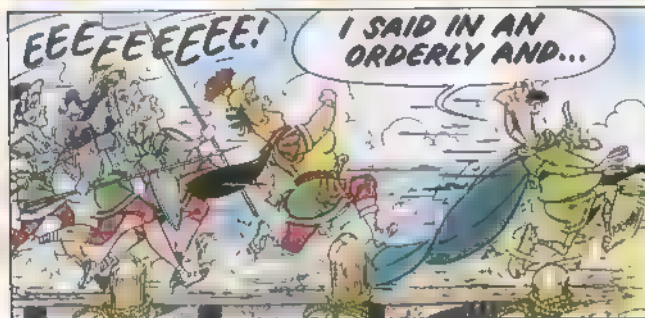
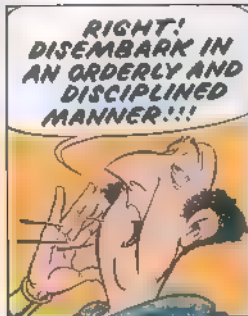
MEANWHILE, IN THE FOREST SEPARATING THE VILLAGE FROM THE ROMAN CAMP

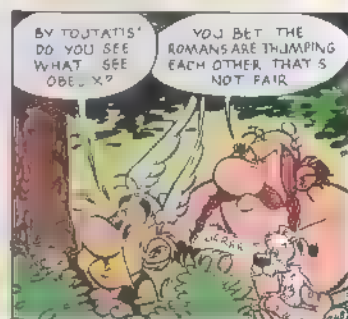
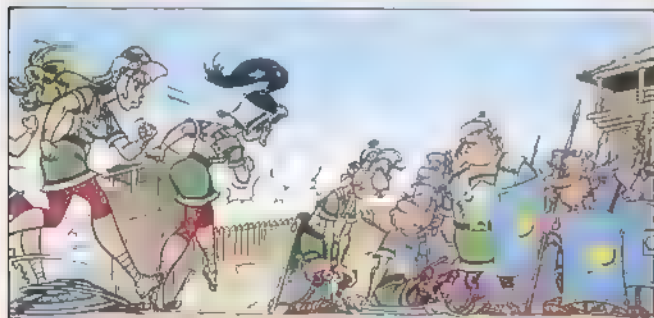
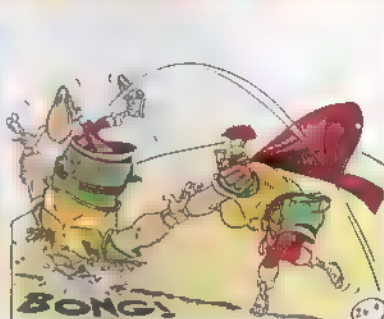
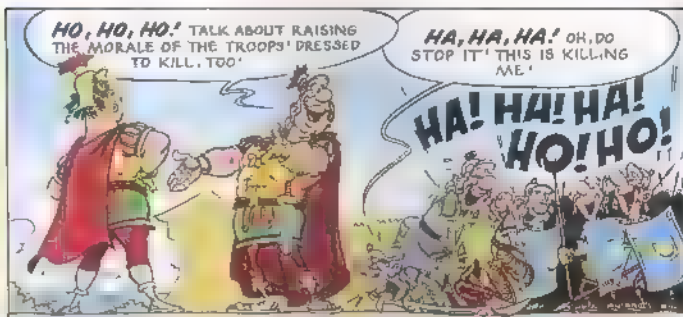


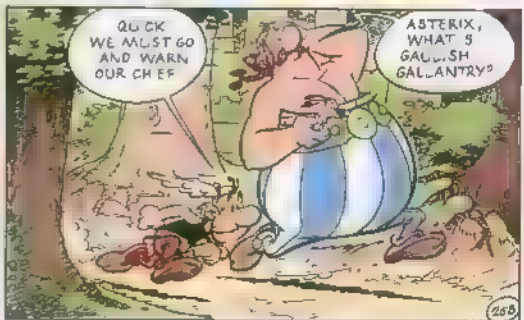
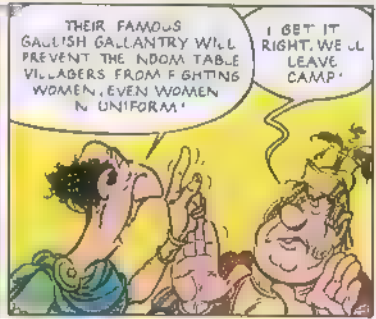
WE'RE NOT TOO BADLY OFF HERE WHILE WE WAIT FOR OUR GOOD LADIES TO SEE SENSE

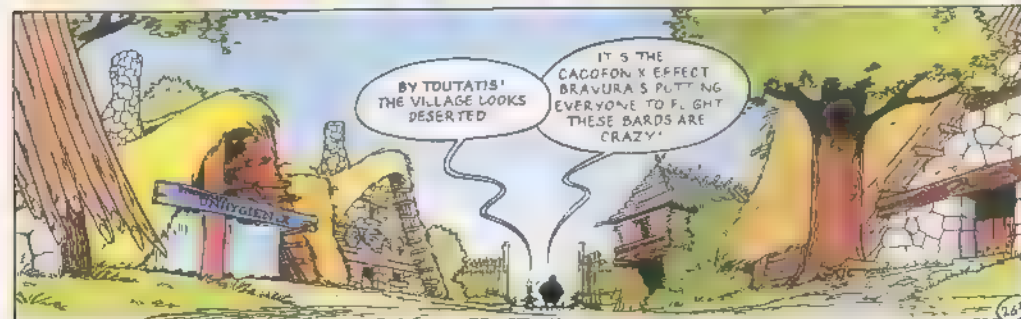
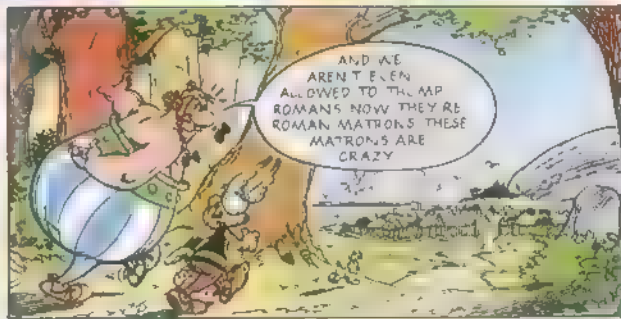
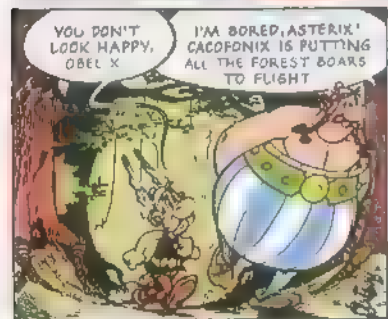
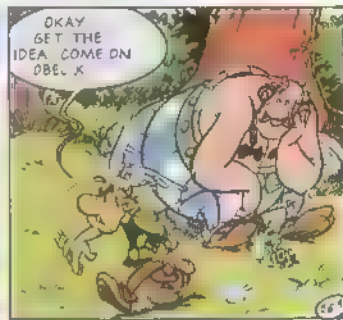
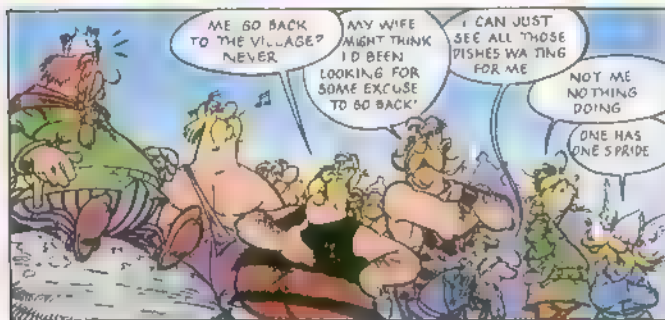
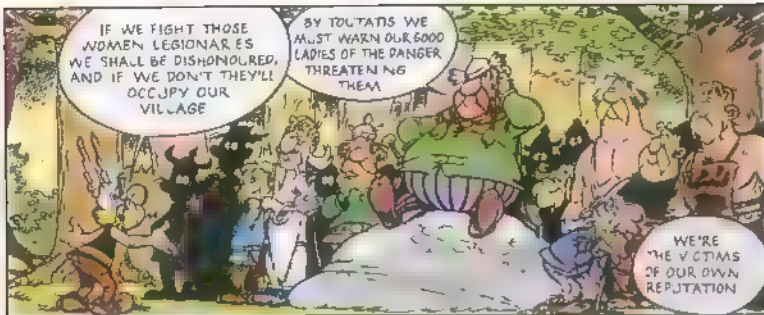
BUT WE MUST BE ON OUR GUARD IN CASE THE ROMANS TAKE THEIR CHANCE TO SEIZE THE VILLAGE

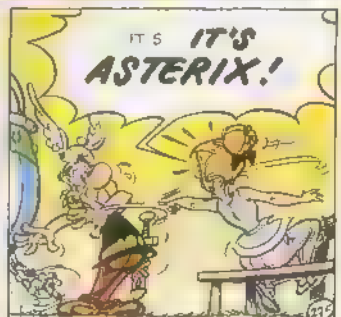
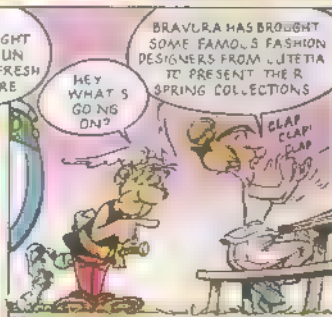
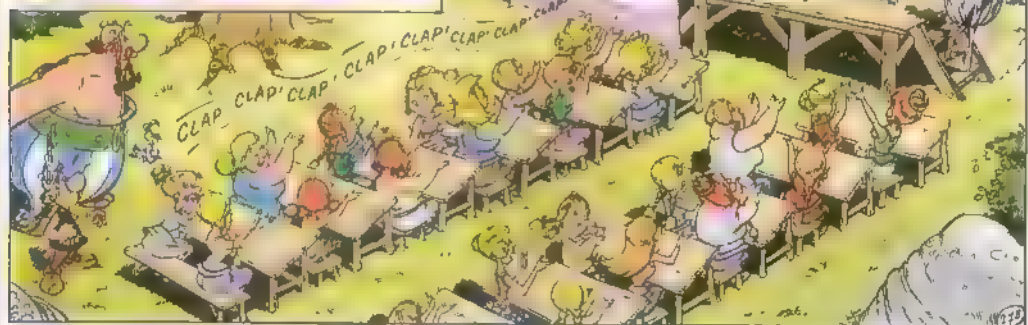
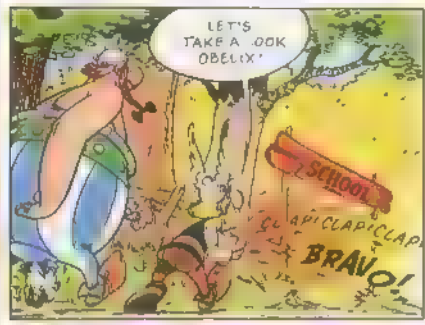
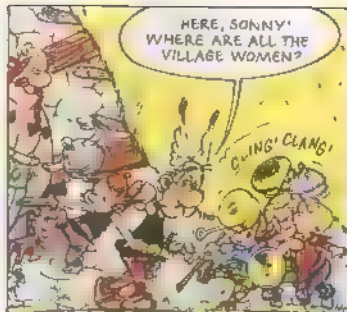
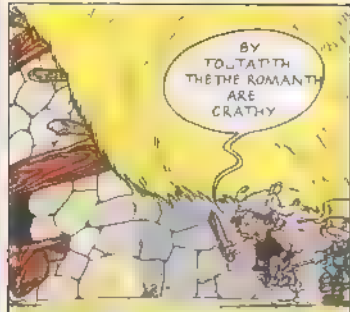
OBELIX AND I WILL GO AND KEEP WATCH ON THEM!

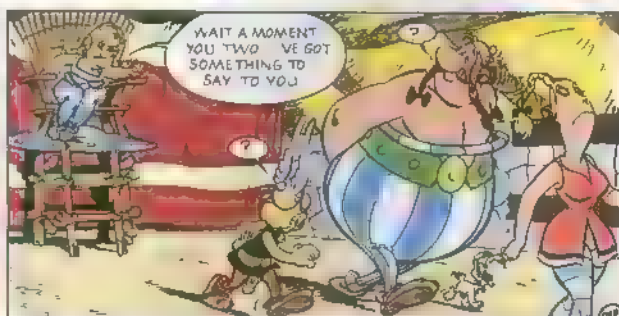
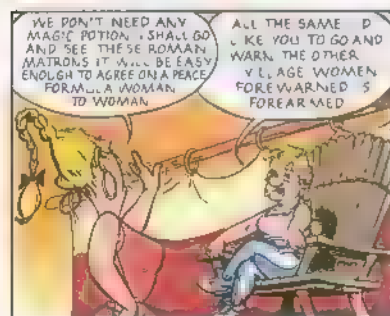
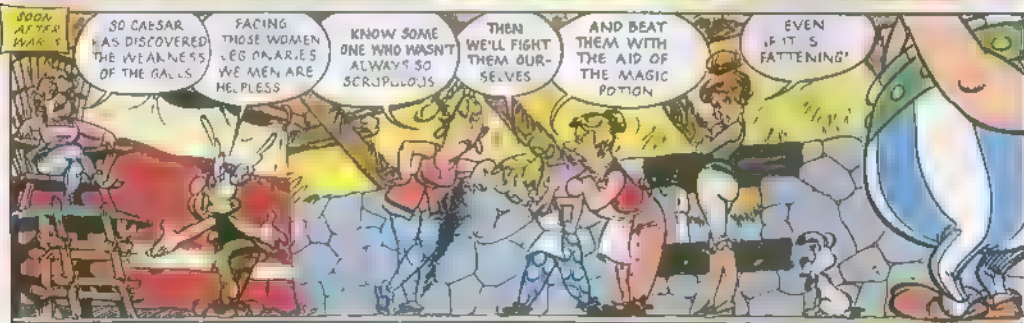
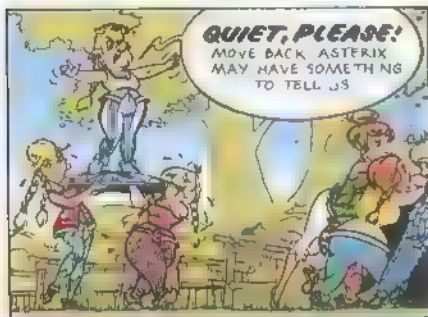


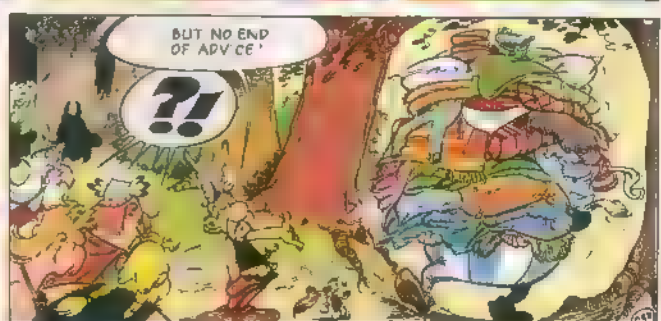
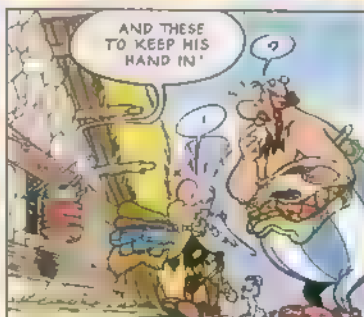
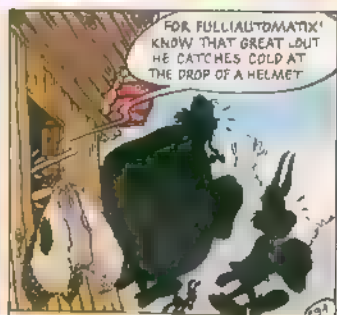
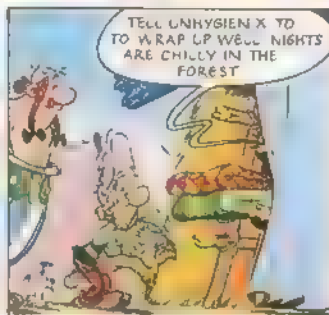
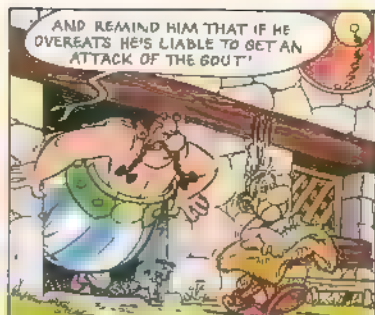
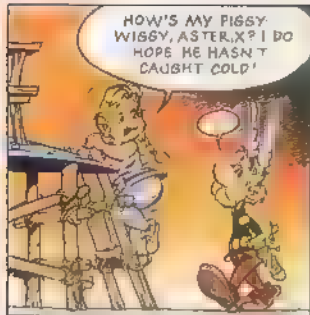




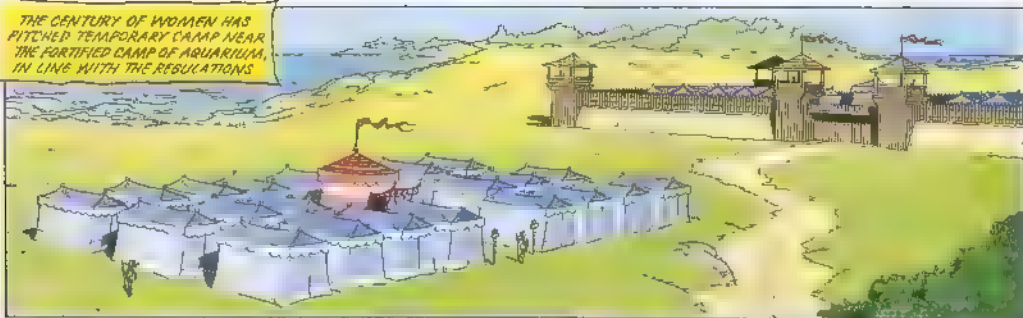








THE CENTURY OF WOMEN HAS
PITCHED TEMPORARY CAMP NEAR
THE FORTIFIED CAMP OF AQUARIUM,
IN LINE WITH THE REGULATIONS



SLIGHTLY
MODIFIED HERE
AND THERE

JUST
WHAT
IS THIS?

THIS PRINT?
IT'S A FAST DYE
GUARANTEED NOT
TO RUN IN THE
WASH



SOME OF THE DIS-
GRUNTLED MEN CONFINED
TO BARRACKS NEXT DOOR
RELIEVE THEIR FEELINGS
ABOUT THEIR RELIEF

IF WOMEN
CAN JOIN THE
LEGIONS NOW, WHAT
USE ARE WE GOING
TO BE?

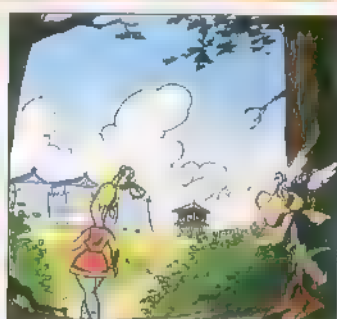
COULD TELL YOU
WOULDN'T EVEN MIND
BEING A DOMESTICUS* OVER
IN THAT CAMP



MEANWHILE

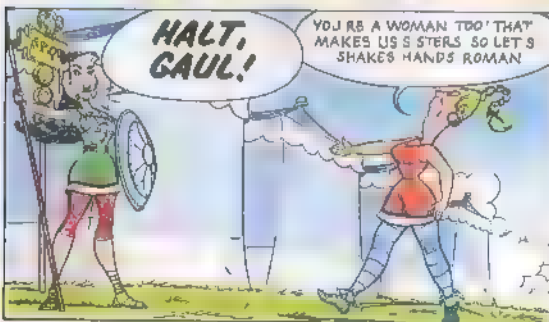


BRAVURA SHE
MUST BE GOING
TO THE ROMAN CAMP!
IT'S SO LOW HER
D SCREEEE!



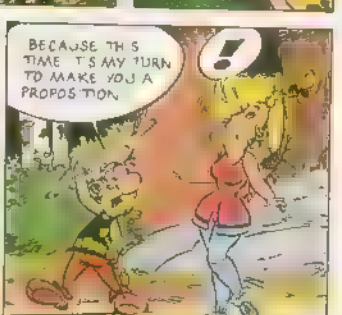
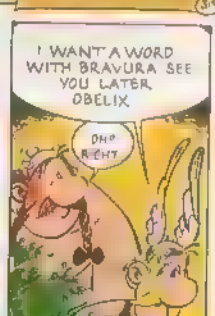
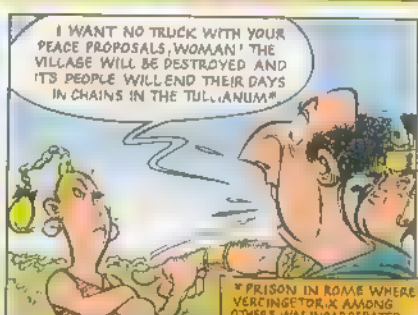
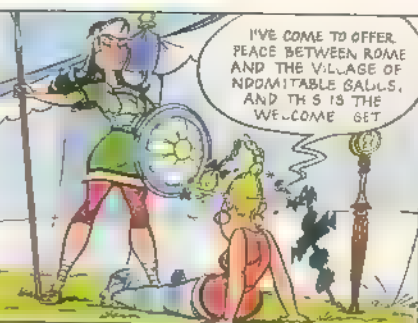
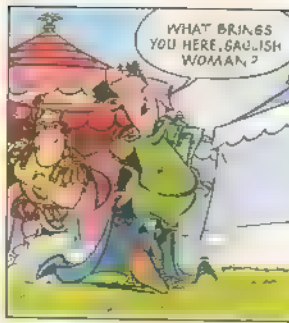
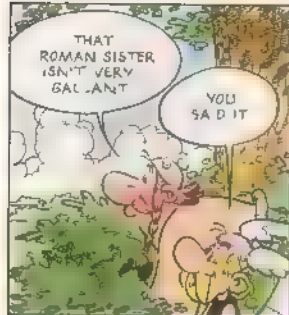
HALT,
GAUL!

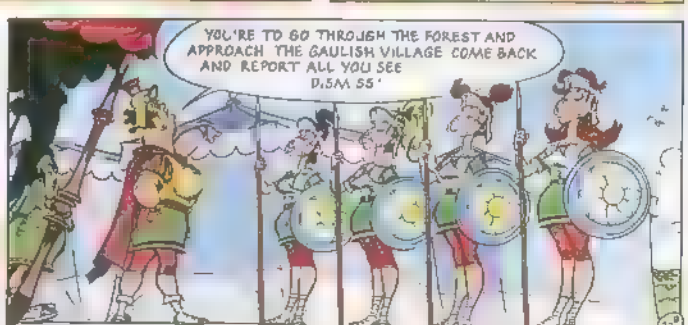
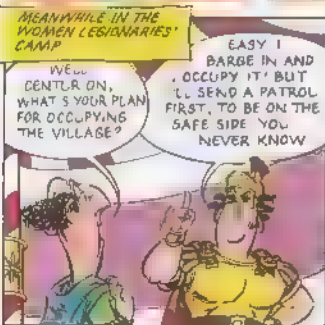
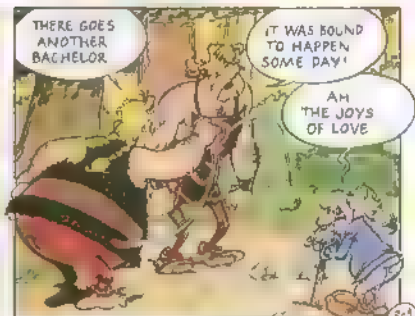
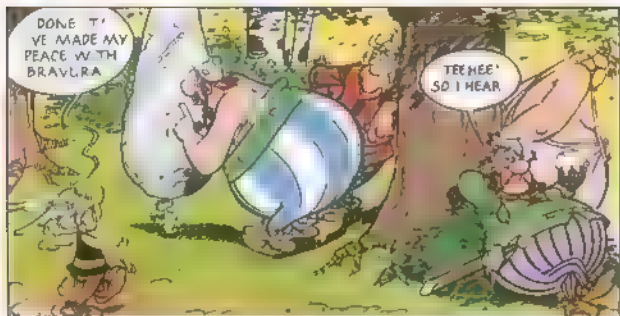
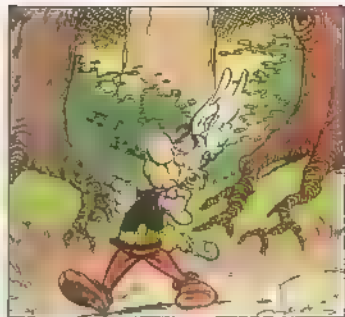
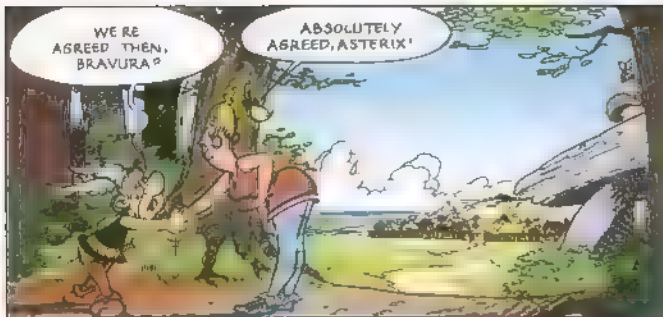
YOU'RE A WOMAN TOO! THAT
MAKES US SISTERS SO LET'S
SHAKE HANDS ROMAN

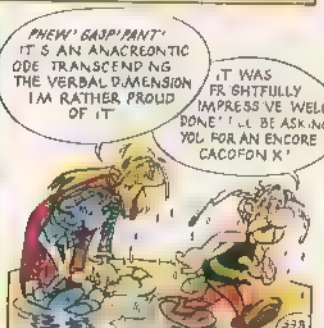
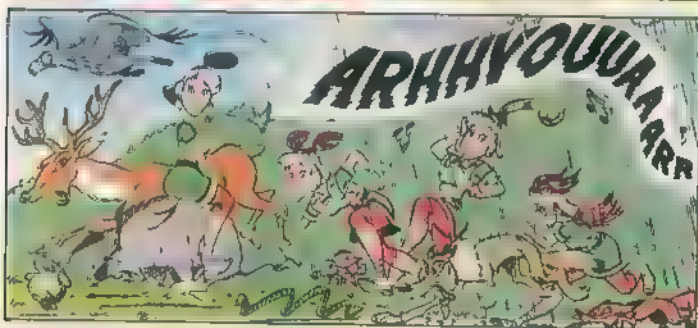
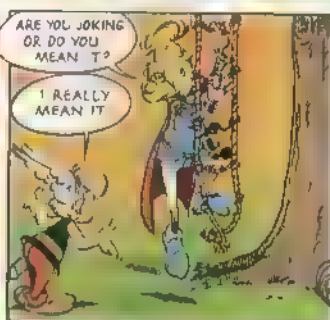
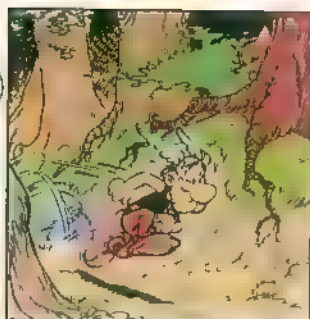
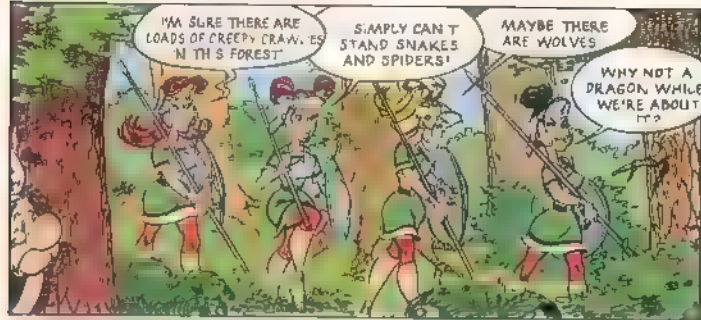


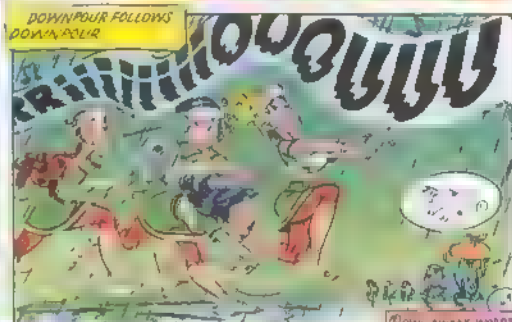
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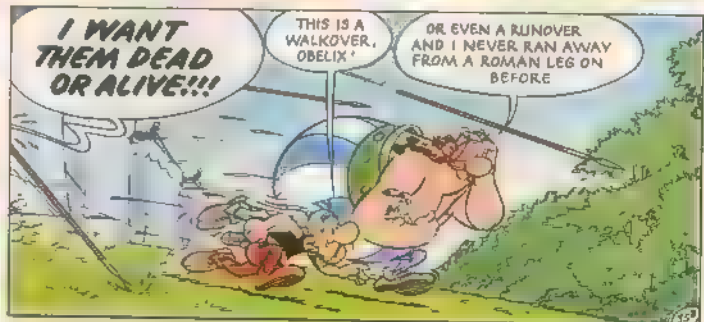
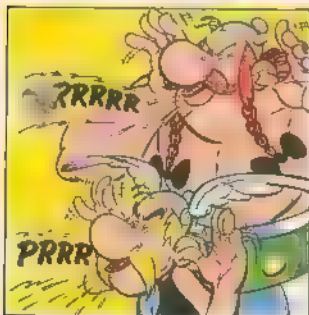
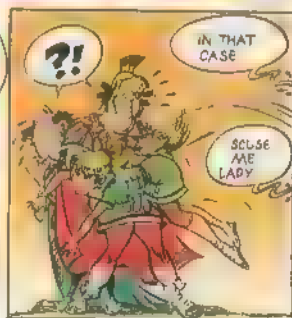
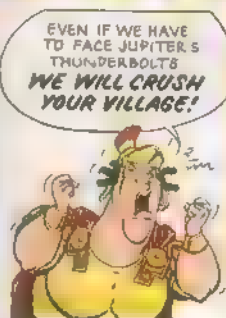
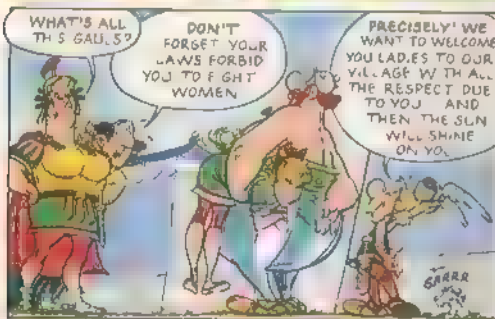
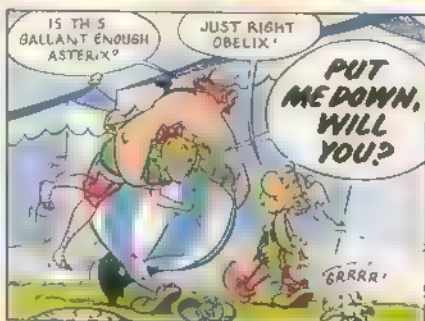
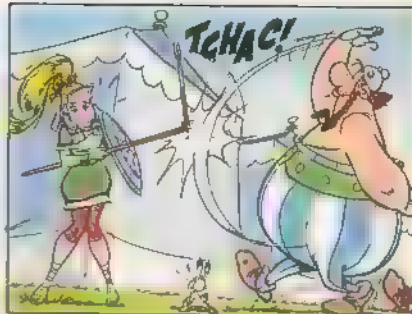


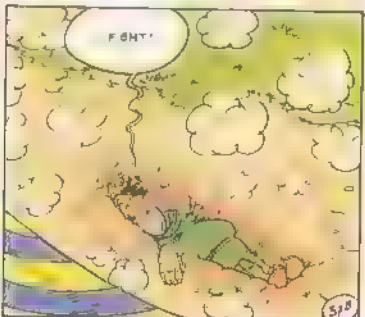
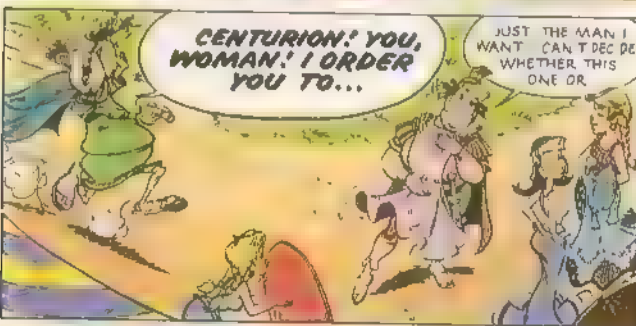
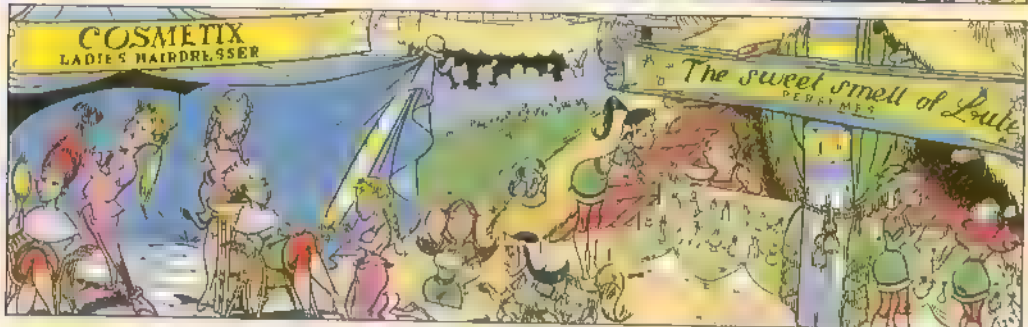
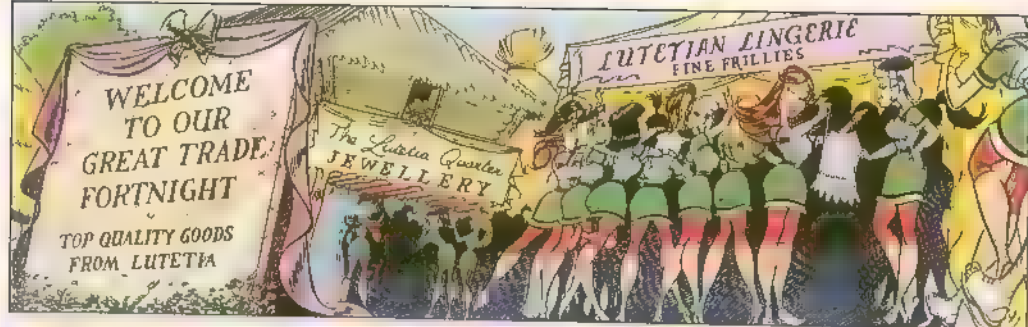


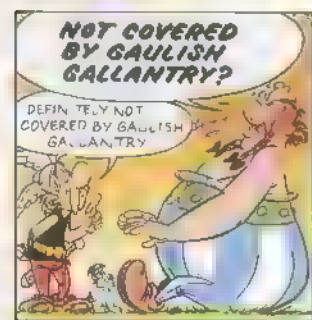
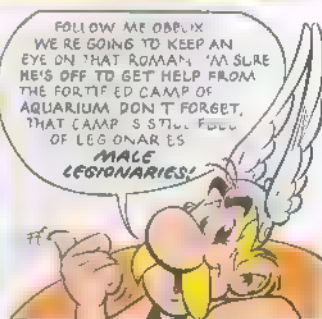
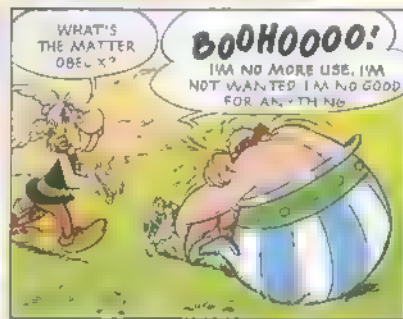
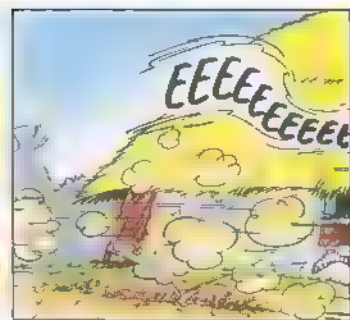


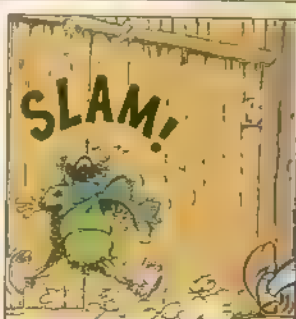
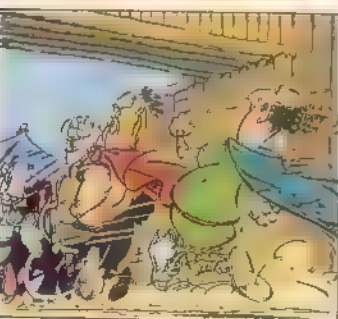
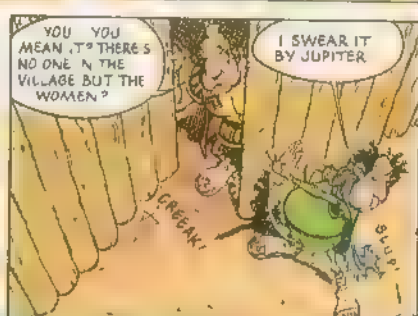
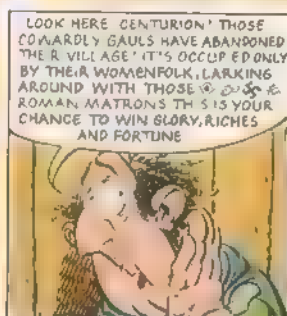
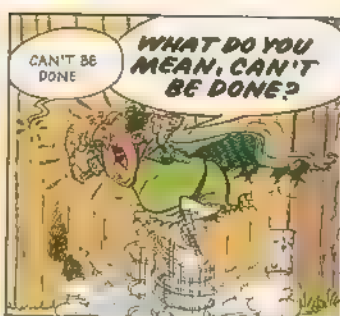
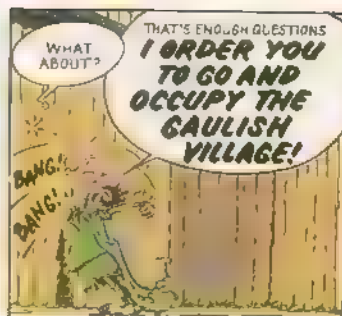


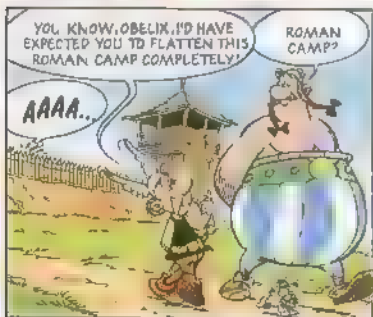
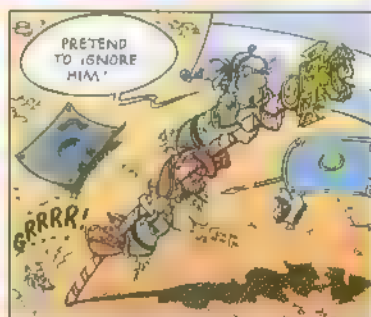
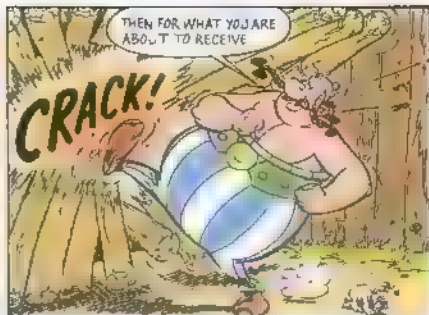












A LITTLE
LATER...

I'M SORRY, CACOFONIX, BUT
YOUR VOICE MIGHT CURDLE THE
MAGIC POTION!

HUN:

VILLAGERS! PROUD AND NOBLE
WARRIORS! ONCE AGAIN WE FIND
OURSELVES OBLIGED TO CONFRONT
OUR MORTAL ENEMY! THE ANXIOUS
GAZE OF THE FREE AND ANCIENT WORLD
IS TURNED UPON YOUR POWERFUL
BREASTS, READY TO FEND OFF THE
HEGEMONY OF A DICTATORSHIP
WHICH WILL GO SO FAR AS
TO ATTACK WOMEN...

...AND CHILDREN!

THE GOOD POTION GUIDE SHOULD GIVE TODAY'S BREW SEVERAL STARS!

YES, AND
THE ROMANS WILL
SOON BE SEEING
PLENTY!

CAEFAR WILL BE
FURIOUF, THAT'F
FOR FURE! LUCKILY
I CAN FTILL CALL
ON THE OTHER
FORTIFIED ROMAN
CAMPF!

AND IN THE CAMP
OF TOTORUM...

YES, PLEASE!
WITH A STRAW
IF POSSIBLE!

YOU LOOK RATHER
RUFFLED, PATRICIAN:
LIKE A DRINK?

WELL, WELL! SO THE
COWARDLY GAULS HAVE
ABANDONED THEIR VILLAGE,
LEAVING ONLY WOMEN AND
CHILDREN TO GUARD IT!

JUST
AF I FAID,
FENTURION!
SLIP!

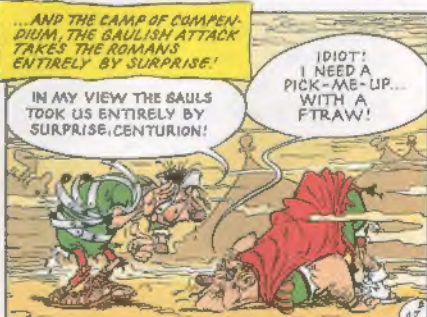
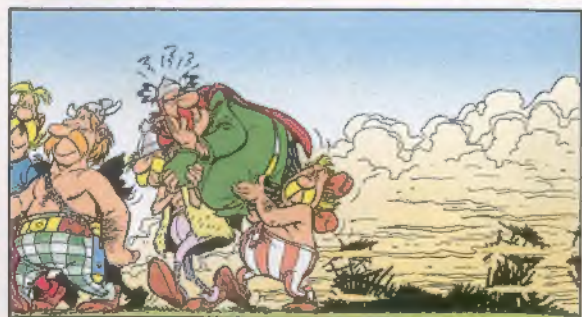
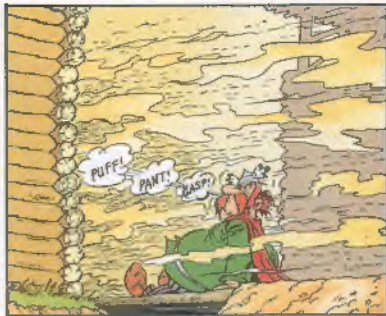
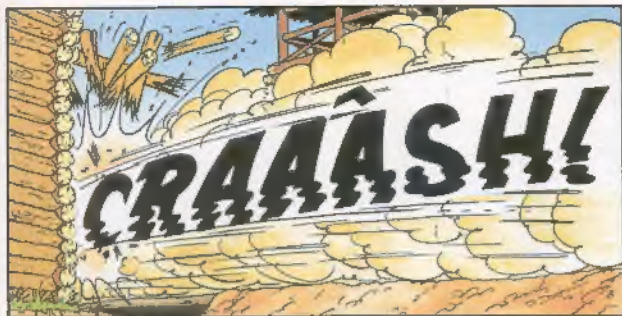
**RAISE THE
ALARM! THE
GAULS ARE
ATTACKING!!!**

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**CHARGE,
BOYS!**

**LEAVE THEM TO ME.
LEAVE THEM TO ME!**

DON'T
BE SELFISH
OBLIX!



MEANYWHILE,
AT THE VILLAGE
GATES...

THEY'LL BE
GREEN WITH
ENVY IN THE
FORUM!

WHEN I GET
BACK TO ROME I'M
OPENING A SHOP
CALLED HIGH
FASHION OF
LUTETIA!

I'M GOING TO BOOK TIME IN THE
ARENA FOR FASHION SHOWS IN THE
INTERVALS OF GLADIATORIAL CONTESTS!
IT WILL BE BRILLIANT!

THANK YOU AGAIN
FOR YOUR KIND
HOSPITALITY!

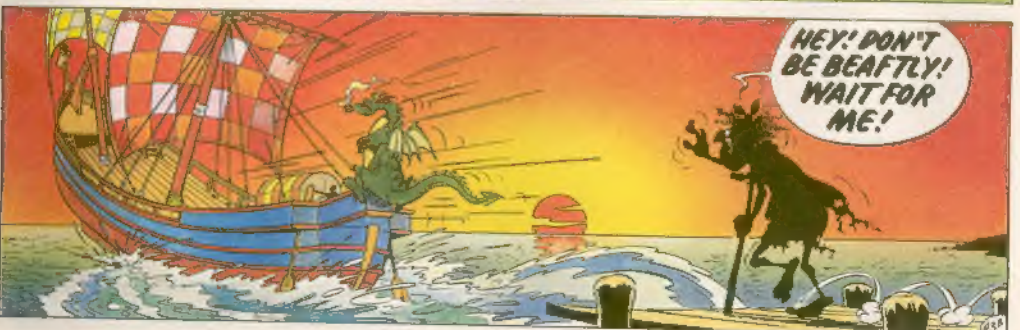
OH, DON'T MENTION
IT! IT WAS
NOTHING!



NOW I'M ALONE AT LAST I CAN
POLISH UP MY POETICAL
ONOMATOPOEICAL WORK!



I KNEW THERE
WAS A DRAGON IN
THERE SOME-
WHERE!



HEY! DON'T
BE BEAFTLY!
WAIT FOR
ME!



HERE, PISSEWIGGY! THE SHIELD SUITS YOU BETTER THAN ME!

YOU KNOW YOU CAN USE IT WHENEVER YOU LIKE, 'PEDI'... 'PEDIMENTA'!



NO HARD FEELINGS, BRAVURA?

NO HARD FEELINGS, ASTERIX!



ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL. A CERTAIN CHEERFULNESS EVEN SEEMS TO HAVE CREEPT INTO ROME... OR MOST OF IT!

HA! HA! HA! HEE! HEE! HEE! NO! NO! NO! HEE! HEE! HA! HA! HA! NO! NO! NO! HEE! HEE! HEE! HA! HA! HA! NO! NO! NO!

THERE'S A STRANGE SENSE OF SAETY IN ROME, O CAESAR!

SHUT UP, IDIOT, AND PACK MY BAGS! I'M GOING AWAY TO MY COUNTRY PALACE FOR A WHILE!



AND FINALLY, IN HAPPY CELEBRATION OF THE RETURN OF DOMESTIC PEACE AND GENERAL GOODWILL, THE TRADITIONAL BANQUET IS HELD IN THE MIDDLE OF THE VILLAGE. BRAVURA AND ALL THE GAULISH WOMEN ARE GUESTS OF HONOUR, EVEN CACOFONIX IS INVITED... ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

FRIENDS, GAULS, COUNTRYMEN! IT IS WITH DEEP EMOTION THAT...

DO YOU LIKE IT IN OUR VILLAGE, BRAVURA?

YES, BUT I MUST GET BACK TO LUTETIA SOON! AND BY WAY OF APOLOGY I'VE PROMISED TO TAKE YOUR BARD BACK WITH ME AND INTRODUCE HIM TO ZIEGFELDOLLIX, THE GREAT LUTETIAN IMPRESARIO!

I JUHNT CAN'T WAIT TO BE GROWN UP AND HAVE FUN!

ME TOO! THEN I'LL BE YOUR CHIEF!

The End